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To: Chair Ann Kobayashi, Vice Chair Joey Manahan, and Committee Members on Budget

In STRONG SUPPORT of proposed amendments to Bills 14 and 15, regarding improvements to Kaka'ako roadways

Since 2007 I have been a resident at Imperial Plaza in Kaka'ako and have watched the rampant development of my neighborhood by developers, while at the same time lacking some of the basic infrastructure needs that make a community a community.

Bill 14 – Storm Drain Repairs. A dilapidated storm drain at the Diamond Head/Makai corner of Cooke Street/Kawaiahao Street has not been repaired due to jurisdictional disputes over ownership of the street. This is a key intersection that I frequent multiple times a day as it provides exit from my parking garage. I support the proposed budget amendment of \$10,000 for repairs to this storm drain.

Bill 15 – Waimanu Street Acquisition. I support the \$125,000 appropriation for the City's acquisition of the segment of Waimanu Street between the Imperial Plaza entrance to Ward Avenue. This acquisition is necessary to reduce hazardous traffic conditions associated people crossing paths at the T-intersection located at Dreier Street and Waimanu Street. I am hoping that this acquisition will also ensure long-term City maintenance of the street segment, and assist in enforcement of traffic laws. Right now the roads are in poor condition, is unsafe for pedestrian traffic, and the police refuse to ensure traffic laws on Waimanu since it is a 'private street'.

As a 9-year resident of Imperial Plaza, both of these amendments seek to address infrastructure challenges that we have brought to the attention of city and state officials for the past several years. I am excited by the possibility that these issues will finally be addressed, especially with the new construction of 803 Waimanu in the near future. Therefore, I **STRONGLY SUPPORT proposed amendments to Bills 14 and 15.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Bernard K. Nunes
Kaka'ako Resident